

Appl. No. 10/537,478
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** An aqueous nanocarbons solution comprising:
nanocarbons, and
an active ingredient which is a surface active agent which is one or more selected from the group consisting of distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine (DMPC), dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine (DPPC), 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylamino]-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonate (CHAPSO), 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl) dimethylamino]-propanesulfonate (CHAP) and N,N-bis (3-D-gluconamidopropyl)-cholamide, or which is alginates having a
~~as an active ingredient, a surface active agent capable of forming globular micelles having a diameter of from 50 to 2000 nm in the solution or alginates having a weight average~~
molecular weight of from 10,000 to 50,000,000, and wherein the active ingredient encapsulates the nanocarbons in

globular micelles or pseudo micelles.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Previously presented)** The solution according to Claim 1, wherein the surface active agent is one or more selected from the group consisting of distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine (DMPC), dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine (DPFC), 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylamino]-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonate (CHAPSO), 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylamino]-propanesulfonate (CHAP) and N,N-bis(3-D-gluconamidopropyl)-cholamide.

4-6 **(Cancelled)**

7. **(Previously presented)** The solution according to Claim 1, which further comprises a nanocarbon-permeating substance and an oxidizing agent and the pH ranges from 6 to 14.

8. **(Previously presented)** The solution according to Claim 7, wherein the nanocarbon-permeating substance is lithium ion.

9. **(Previously presented)** The solution according to Claim 7, wherein the oxidizing agent is a persulfate.

10. **(Previously presented)** The solution according to Claim 1, wherein the nanocarbons are carbon nanotubes (single- and multi-layered types and cup-stack types), carbon nanofibers or carbon nanohorns.

11-23. **(Cancelled)**

24. **(Currently amended)** A process for producing an aqueous nanocarbons solution comprising the step of adding a crude product to an aqueous solution containing as an active ingredient to encapsulate the nanocarbon in the crude product, a surface active agent capable of forming globular micelles having a diameter of from 50 to 2000 nm in the solution or alginates having a weight average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 50,000,000, said surface active agent is one or more selected from the group consisting of distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine (DMPC), dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine (DPPC), 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)dimethylamino]-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonate

(CHAPSO), 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl) dimethylamino]-
propanesulfonate (CHAP) and N,N-bis (3-D-gluconamidopropyl)-
cholamide, or said alginates, and wherein the active
ingredient encapsulates the nanocarbons in globular micelles
or pseudo micelles.

25-30. **(Cancelled)**

31. **(Previously presented)** The process according to Claim 24,
wherein the active ingredient is the a surface active agent
capable of forming globular micelles having a diameter of
from 50 to 2000 nm in the solution.

32. **(Previously presented)** The process according to Claim
24, wherein the active ingredient is the alginates having a
weight average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 50,000,000.